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## **Justice Reinvestment Local Commission**

1:30 PM, May 20, 2020 https://meet.google.com/ozy-kptk-fwj +1 929-266-2267 PIN: 267 259 025#

**Board Members:** Corey Pack, Maj. Germain Gordan (Representing Mary Lou McDonough), Warden Charles Scott, Capt. Tim Fridman, Capt. Dan Lasher, Maj. Mary Allen, Warden Herb Dennis, Dir. Angela Talley.

**Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services:** Daniel Atzmon, Jim Hedrick, Mary Abraham

**Guests:** Maj. T.D. Reece, Mary Ann Thompson, Marsha Briley

- Meeting called to order at 1:30 P.M.
- Introductions
- Meeting minutes from February reviewed and approved
- Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth and Victim Services (GOCPYVS) Updates
  - Grants

Mary Abraham discussed funding available from GOCPYVS. She noted the flexibility available from the office to support grantees during and through the Covid-19 pandemic. She also discussed the information, including a Frequently Asked Questions page on the GOCPYVS website and contact information for the grant team if there are any additional questions. Finally, Mary discussed the federal funding from the CARES act. This funding has two components, one going directly to local jurisdictions and another 11 million allocation to GOCPYVS which will subaward the funding through a

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to be released soon.

#### o HB 116

Jim Hedrick discussed the ongoing work on HB116 with local detention centers and the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA). Jim noted that BHA is proving funding through the SOR grant and has applied for additional funding to support this work at the local level. He also noted that we are looking for the next group of local jurisdictions to implement MAT in corrections in accordance with the law and requested that any interested parties contact him. Finally, Jim said he would keep the group apprised of these efforts and will promote sharing and peer learning across local detention facilities.

Jim also discussed SB305, CIT Center of Excellence, which recently became law. The bill established a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) technical assistance center within GOCPYVS which will provide support to local law enforcement, corrections and crisis services agencies. The law does not go into effect until the fall and GOCPYVS is working on implementation. Jim and Daniel will continue to provide the groups with updates

### Performance Incentive Grant Fund (PIGF)

Daniel provided brief updates on the PIGF and current grantees. Despite the challenges of Covid-19, most grantees have been able to continue their work. Many have sought adjustments and have taken advantage of the flexibility that Mary noted to better serve their communities during the pandemic. Daniel hopes to have grantees present at an upcoming meeting. Since the pandemic began just as projects were beginning, implementation has been delayed for some grantees. Finally, Daniel noted that he expects the next round of PIGF grants to begin in January with a NOFA to be released in the fall.

## JRA Oversight & Advisory Boards

Daniel shared updates from the Oversight Board including attempts to finalize the Restitution Report and ongoing discussions about future meetings. He also provided a brief update on the General Assembly session which did not produce many Justice Reinvestment related bills.

The Advisory Board met in early May and expressed interests in learning more about the Juvenile Justice Reform Council (JJRC). Interested members were invited to join a briefing on the JJRC with DJS on 5/28. In addition, the Advisory Board continues to be interested in expungements and will explore this issue further at future meetings. Local Commission members were invited to share input and participate in these discussions.

• Remote Programming - Chair Corey Pack

Chairman Corey Pack discussed remote programming during the pandemic. He shared his experience conducting his fatherhood class in the Talbot County Detention Center. Since Covid-19, the programming has switched to a remote format.

Chairman Pack discussed what was needed to make remote programming successful including physical space in the detention center, IT equipment and needs, and sharing printed class materials. He noted that the remote programming has been well received thus far and he has even been able to bring in presenters to discuss housing and mentoring.

Meeting adjourned at 2:18 P.M.